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SUBJECT: TENNIS CLINIC

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1. USTA PHONED CHIVINGTON WHO IS AVAILABLE ONLY FROM JANUARY 19-25 UNDER HIS PRESENT PLANS AND CANNOT VISIT BURMA IN FEBRUARY.
2. MULLAN SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE BUT HIS LAST COMMUNICATION INDICATED HE AVAILABLE FOR BURMA ONLY THE SECOND & THIRD WEEKS OF JANUARY.
3. USTA DOES NOT CONTROL THESE 2 COACHES SCHEDULES BUT MERELY VOLUNTEERS TO LOCATE TENNIS PROFESSIONALS WHO ARE SELF-FINANCED AT OUR REQUEST. THEY HAVE DONE SUPERB JOB IN PLACING FIRST-RATE COACHES IN 12 ASIAN AFRICAN COUNTRIES THIS YEAR.
4. UNLESS DEPARTMENT OR POST PROVIDES FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND UNTIL USTA SUCCEEDS IN DEVELOPING STRONG FINANCIAL BASE FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL EFFORT, COACHES AVAILABLE WILL CONTINUE TO BE TRAVELING INDEPENDENTLY.

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5. WE ENCOURAGE POSTS WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN USTA PROGRAM UNDER THESE CONDITIONS TO SUGGEST TIMES MOST BENEFICIAL FOR VISITS AND USTA WILL THEN SEEK QUALIFIED PROFESSIONALS TO PARTICIPATE BUT CANNOT DO MORE THAN ADVISE THEM OF POSTS TIME PREFERENCES. KISSINGER

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